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1. FIRST THREE DAYS OF PREPCOM FOR UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION
MARKED BY LACK OF DIATRIBE ON PART OF THOSE FEW LDC'S PREPARED
TO SPEAK, AND THEME OF "CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH" SOUNDED BY ALL
DC SPEAKERS. ATMOSPHERE RELAXED. COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO CON-
CLUE WORK FRIDAY WITH AGREEMENT TO ENGAGE IN "INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS" IN INTERIM BEFORE SECOND SESSION CONVENES IN
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2. PERHAPS PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN SETTING TONE FOR PREPCOM'S OPENING DAYS HAS BEEN FAILURE TO GROUP OF 77 TO COALESCE AROUND ANY DESIRED OBJECTIVE FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THIS HAS PRODUCED SURPRISING SILENCE ON THEIR PART, AS FIRST WEO'S AND LATER EASTERN EUROPEANS DOMINATED DEBATE. KEY LDC SPEAKERS (I.E., MEXICO, PAKISTAN) HAVE AGREED, HOWEVER, WITH WEO SUGGESTION THAT "TIME FOR SWEEPING DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES HAS PASSED" AND THAT SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD FOCUS ON "CONCRETE MEASURES," IMPLICITLY FEW IN NUMBER.

3. WHILE SOVIETS AND OTHER EE'S HAVE VIGOROUSLY WAVED THE BANNERS OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, LDC SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN THEIR LANGUAGE CUBAN DELEGATE'S PRINCIPAL POINT, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS NEED FOR ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION -- THUS ECHOING U.S. INTERVENTION.

4. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE STRESSED DESIRE FOR "USEFUL DIALOGUE" AND AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION. ALMOST ALL HAVE ARGUED THAT WORK OF SESSION MUST BE LIMITED TO MANAGEABLE NUMBER OF AGREED AREAS THESE HAVE USUALLY INCLUDED COMMODITIES - LENT THIS THEME NOT PICKED UP BY LDC'S WHO HAVE IN GENERAL REFRAINED FROM HYPOTHEORIZING SPECIAL SESSION'S KEY AREAS.

5. WHILE MOST SPEAKERS -- BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING -- HAVE WELCOMED UK SPEECH (REFTEL), THERE HAS BEEN STRONG SENTIMENT TO AVIOD BEING COMMITTED TO ANY ONE SCHEME TOO SOON.

6. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS: IN VIEW OF GENERAL FEELING THAT SPECIAL SESSION ISSUES CANNOT SIMPLY HIBERNATE UNITL JUNE, THERE IS APPARENT UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FOR "INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS" UNDER GUIDANCE OF PREPCOM BUREAU. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT GROUP OF 77 NOT EAGER TO BEGIN SUCH CONSULTATIONS SOON AND THEY NOW INCLINED TO AIM FOR MID-APRIL AT EARLIEST.

7. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTER: CHAIRMAN HAS TURNED OFF ALL DISCUSSION OF MERITS OF HOLDING THIRD SESSION OF PREPCOM BY CALLING ATTENTION TO PROPOSAL THAT THIS BE DISCUSSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT PREPCOM'S SECOND SESSION. COMMITTEE SECRETARY (CORDOVEZ) ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT SECOND SESSION COULD NOT BE MOVED TO GENEVA BECAUSE CONFERENCE FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

8. COMMITTEE OFFICERS: LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAVE CHOSEN CUBA AMBASSADOR ALARCON AS LA VICE CHAIRMAN AND PAKISTANI (QADRUD-DIN) APPOINTED RAPPORTEUR.

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